



# Wiltshire Masonic News

The newsletter for Wiltshire Freemasons

## Salisbury was a great success - says Stephen Bridge APrGM.



Provincial Stewards lead the procession

Sunday 3rd September may well have been cold and wet in rural Wiltshire but that didn't deter over 1,000 Freemasons and their families from braving the elements to attend Salisbury's magnificent Cathedral for a very special evensong service. WBro Stephen Bridge APrGM said "It was a truly remarkable event, one in which we were privileged to take part and in doing so create Masonic history in Wiltshire" Stephen recognised and

acknowledged there were some logistical issues which needed to be addressed but that they should not detract from the feeling that the occasion was a huge success on so many fronts.

The Provincial Grand Master RW Bro Philip Bullock welcomed civic leaders the Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire Mrs Sarah Rose Troughton and the High Sheriff Lady Marland who joined Masonic leaders RW Bro Anthony Wilson and RW Bro George Francis PAGM for lunch before the service. The service itself was the culmination of two years preparatory work by Stephen Bridge who worked very closely with Canon Precentor Rev. Tom Clammer in organising the event.

Stephen said "Looking down the nave of the Cathedral it was quite incredible to see so many people present and proudly wearing Masonic regalia; which was a moment of intense and humbling delight and something that will stay fresh in the memory for many years to come. It's at times like these all of the planning, negotiation and apprehension became worthwhile."



The High Sheriff of Wiltshire



Richard Wright precedes the Provincial Grand Master

Stephen Bridge, continuing his comments said "We have celebrated the Tercentenary in Wiltshire's most beautiful and impressive place of worship. In doing so we have not only honoured those Brethren who founded the first Grand Lodge, but also the generations of operative masons who built and maintain such an inspiring building. I can think of no more appropriate place for us to mark such an important Masonic event and in doing so I trust we have also contributed to the start of a mutually supportive relationship with the Cathedral, something that can only help promote Freemasonry in Wiltshire and beyond". By attending a Service that was part of the Cathedral's ordained pattern of worship Wiltshire Freemasons also provided an admirable public window onto Freemasonry and is a tangible manifestation of the vital openness agenda, helping our communities understand the true values of Freemasonry.



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## Will you join us at Provincial Grand Lodge?

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October is the day when Provincial Grand Lodge meets in the City Hall at Salisbury and is the undoubted highlight of the Wiltshire Masonic calendar. The atmosphere in the hall is always quite magical and greatly enhanced with the theatre of processions, and superb music. For some the day will represent a very special moment in their Masonic life as they receive their first Provincial rank; while for others it will recognise their ongoing commitment and support to Freemasonry in the Province as they receive a well deserved promotion. The Provincial Grand Master Philip Bullock is looking forward to welcoming Brethren from every Lodge in the province to share in the event and offer support to the 94 Brethren being honoured. Brethren will be joined in Salisbury by their families and members of the three branches of the Masonic Widows Association.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE HONOURS

## Congratulations to the four chosen charities.

Provincial Grand Charity Steward Ian Priest joined the Provincial Grand Master and announced the results of the vote for the [MCF Community Awards Tercentenary Fund](#). The four Wiltshire based charities nominated by our Province have shared a sum of £50,000 with Trowbridge based Hope Nature Centre securing the wonderful sum of £25,000. Salisbury charity John McNeill Opportunity Centre was awarded £15,000 and the Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust £6,000. Finally, Swindon Youth Mentoring (SMASH) received £4,000.. The four charities have enjoyed significant support from local news media, particularly our friends at the Swindon Advertiser, Valley News and the Wiltshire Gazette & Herald.

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**Wiltshire BOBBY VAN Trust**

**SMASH**  
swindon youth mentoring

**John McNeill Opportunity Centre**

**HOPE NATURE CENTRE**

Vote for your favourite charity [mcf.org.uk/vote](http://mcf.org.uk/vote)

## Join David Henery for a fun day at Salisbury Racecourse?

**Wiltshire Freemasons**

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"Become A Wiltshire Freemason EBF Novice Stakes"

**Today's Race Card**

- 1. Freemasons have fun they also support charities
- 2. Men just like you making new friends every day
- 3. We meet throughout Wiltshire there's a centre near you
- 4. Discover Wiltshire Freemasonry visit our website [www.pglwilts.org.uk](http://www.pglwilts.org.uk)
- 5. Don't wait to be asked just call us today on 01985 211745

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David Henery invites you to join him at Salisbury Racecourse on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October for the very first running of the 'Become a Wiltshire Freemason EBF Novice Stakes' - a race for two year olds run over seven furlongs. David is not only a supporter of Swindon Town Football Club (yes he really is) he is also a racehorse owner who has experienced success with a winning horse at Goodwood. The afternoon promises to be fun filled and the perfect prelude to Provincial Grand Lodge. Racing commences at 2.00pm with the 'Become a Wiltshire Freemason EBF Novice Stakes' scheduled to start at 2.30pm, however, the programme is subject to change.



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## Calling all Masters and Immediate Past Masters.

The Provincial Grand Master Philip Bullock invites all Masters in office, and Immediate Past Masters together with their wives/partners to join him for dinner at Calne Masonic Hall 6.30pm for 7.00pm on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2017. This event is an opportunity for the PrGM and the executive officers of the Province to meet Masters of Lodges and their partners in a warm and friendly environment with the minimum of formality. The Provincial Grand Master is pleased to announce that the guest speaker for the evening will be Air Chief Marshal Sir John Cheshire KBE, CB, KStJ formerly HM Lieutenant Governor of Jersey.



Book your seat with Rob Evans email [1478@pglwilts.org.uk](mailto:1478@pglwilts.org.uk)

## Gooch Lodge No. 1295 supports Women's Aid.

Gooch Lodge No.1295 meeting at Swindon Masonic Centre certainly demonstrated that 'charity is in a freemason's DNA' with a superb donation of £1,000 to Swindon Women's Aid. It is a tradition for Lodges in Swindon to support the work undertaken by the team at Swindon Women's Aid. Every year the Lodges provide a range of Christmas 'goodies' and essential toiletries which are distributed to families in need, particularly young children who are often the forgotten victims of a broken home.

## Provincial Festival result ' at Trowbridge.

Guests were treated to the distinctive sound of the Pipes and Drums of the Royal Tank Regiment at the end of festival luncheon attended by special guests Jonathan Spence, Richard Hone and Les Hutchinson. The Provincial Grand Master Philip Bullock revealed that Wiltshire Freemasons raised the magnificent sum of £820,662 a sum which was only possible due to the support of every member of the Wiltshire Masonic Family.



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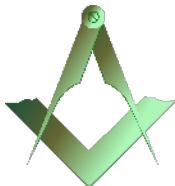


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House of Lords  
House of Commons



The Provincial Grand Master looks forward to welcoming Wiltshire Freemasons with their wife or partner as they join him on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October for a great day out in London. The day will include Freemasons attending a special Tercentenary meeting in London's iconic Royal Albert Hall and over 200 will sit down to dine at the Houses of Parliament.

### Lodge Installation meetings in October 2017

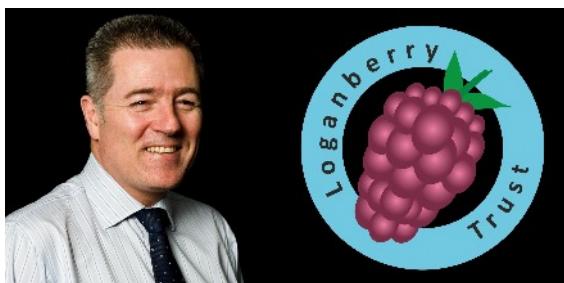
Wednesday	October	4	Sarum	5137	Salisbury
Thursday	October	5	Provincial Grand Lodge	Province	Salisbury
Friday	October	6	Calley	7525	Swindon
Wednesday	October	11	Stonehenge	6114	Salisbury
Tuesday	October	17	White Horse	2227	Westbury
Monday	October	25	Good Fellowship	8388	Marlborough
Wednesday	October	27	Radnor	8747	Salisbury
Monday	October	30	Agriculture	9090	Corsham

### Masonic Widows Association welcome new members.

Do you know the names and addresses of your Lodge widows and do they know that there is a support network available to them in the form of the Wiltshire Masonic Widows Association? The MWA provides a vital social lifeline to our widows, and the three branches based in Salisbury, Chippenham and Swindon will be pleased to welcome new members to attend meetings and other events. To learn more please contact your Lodge Almoner or W Bro John King by email at john21jk@aol.com



### Loganberry Trust announces PSA testing day.



The Loganberry Trust was established just before its founder Kevin Logan died in 2016. The Trustees are delighted to announce that working with the Swindon Masonic Centre and the Graham Fulford Trust the next PSA testing day will be on Saturday 21st October. The PSA test requires a trained operative to take a sample of blood which will be sent to a laboratory for analysis;

the test results are assessed by a specialist and communicated directly to the patient. The doors open at 10.30am until 1.30pm. Testing is completely free although donations are always gratefully received.

*Saving men's lives*